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Subpart A [Reserved]

Subpart B—Housing Application Packaging Grants

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§ 1944.51 Objective.

This subpart states the policies and procedures for making grants under section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1479). Grants reimburse eligible organizations for part or all of the costs of conducting, administering, and coordinating an effective housing application packaging program in colonias and designated counties. Eligible organizations will aid very low- and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefits from Federal, State, and local housing programs. The targeted groups are very low- and low-income families without adequate housing who will receive priority for recruitment and participation and nonprofit organizations able to propose rental or housing rehabilitation assistance benefitting such families. These funds are available only in the areas defined in exhibit D of this subpart. Participants will assist very low- and low-income families in solving their housing needs. One way of assisting is to package single family housing applications for families wishing to buy, build, or repair houses for their

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own use. Another way is to package applications for organizations wishing to develop rental units for lower income families. The intent is to make Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 housing assistance programs available to very low- and low-income rural residents in colonias and designated counties. FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 will reimburse eligible organizations packaging loan/grant applications without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status, or handicap if such an organization has authority to contract.

§ 1944.52 Definitions.

References in this subpart to County, District, State, National and Finance Offices, and to County Supervisor, District Director, State Director, and Administrator refer to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 offices and officials and should be read as prefaced by FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354. Terms used in this subpart have the following meanings:

Colonias. As defined in exhibit C of subpart L of part 1940 of this chapter.

Complete application package (hereafter called package). The package submitted to the appropriate FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 office which is considered acceptable in accordance with exhibit C of this subpart.

Cost reimbursement. Amount determined by the Administrator that equals the customary and reasonable costs incurred in preparing a package for a loan or grant. These amounts are included in exhibit B of this subpart.

Designated counties. These counties are listed in exhibit D of this subpart. Using the most recent published census data, the counties meet the following criteria:

(1) Twenty percent or more of the county population is at or below the poverty level; and

(2) Ten percent or more of the occupied housing units are substandard.

Organization. Any of the following entities which are legally authorized to